

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 911
By Shepard

A RESOLUTION to honor Thomas Wilson Beasley as a Distinguished Son of Dickson County who has been chosen to unveil the Bicentennial Monument on March 20, 2004.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to join citizens of the cities and counties that comprise this great State in celebrating joyous and historic occasions; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2004, the 200th anniversary of the first meeting of the Justices of the Peace responsible for organizing Dickson County, a Bicentennial Monument will be unveiled on the courthouse lawn in Charlotte by four Distinguished Sons of Dickson County: Oscar P. Robertson of Charlotte, who will represent athletics, Anson A. Mount, IV, of White Bluff, who will represent the arts, Robert N. Clement of Dickson, who will represent public service, and Thomas W. Beasley of Burns, who will represent business and who, along with Mr. Clement, will serve as a representative for all veterans; and

WHEREAS, Thomas W. Beasley has been a proud resident of Dickson County since becoming a partner in the firm of White, Regen, Burch, and Beasley immediately following his graduation from Vanderbilt Law School in 1973; prior to his attendance at law school, Mr. Beasley graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1966 and then served for five years in the United States Army. At the time of his departure from military service, Mr. Beasley held the rank of Captain and had earned the Silver Star and two Bronze Stars for valor in Vietnam; he is presently the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Tennessee, which carries the rank of Lieutenant-General, Three Star General, and he served as Chairman of the Tennessee Republican Party from 1977-81; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley has been instrumental in the development of several business ventures with the goal of creatively offering private-sector alternatives as a solution for

challenging government responsibilities; he has served as the Co-Founder, Chairman, and President of Corrections Corporation of America, the Founder and Chairman of Community Education Partners, and Co-Founder and Chairman of Infrastructure Corporation of America; and

WHEREAS, a champion for the youth of Dickson County, Thomas Beasley is a member of the Tennessee Board of Regents, Trustee of Cumberland University, from which he received an honorary doctorate, and member of the Dickson County Athletic Boosters, which he co-founded. He also supports numerous initiatives improving the quality of education in Dickson County schools and assists local students seeking appointment to military academies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley often stands as a proud advocate for Dickson County, lending a strong voice in support of the improvement of his community; and

WHEREAS, with Wendy, his loving wife of 31 years, he helped to raise Jeb, Matt, and Kristin Beasley into outstanding adults. As a couple, the Beasleys have demonstrated a remarkable commitment to nature by placing restrictive easements on nearly eight thousand acres of raw land in Tennessee and Australia; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor this fine county and its citizenry as they commemorate this significant milestone in their historic existence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and applaud Thomas Wilson Beasley, a Distinguished Son of Dickson County, upon his being chosen to participate in the unveiling of Dickson County's Bicentennial Monument on March 20, 2004, and extend to all the citizens of Dickson County our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.